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City readies for freezing rain in the London area

City sanders will be out in full force today ready to meet the freezing rain and wind expected in from the west. All indications are that the snow falling this morning will turn to freezing rain by the noon hour for the London area making driving a dangerous proposition.

"We're asking people to stay off the roads for unnecessary trips when the freezing rain arrives," said John Parsons, Division Manager for the City's Transportation and Roadside Maintenance. "Freezing rain driven by high winds can prove treacherous and make for a very challenging ride. Should the storm hit us hard, emergency vehicles will need unobstructed access as will our sanders and salters."

Rain is predicted for the evening hours when the temperature reaches 0 degrees Celsius followed by snow as the temperatures drop overnight.

City Administration is asking Londoners to avoid all unnecessary travel and allow extra time for any necessary travel. Roads will be dangerous as will sidewalks. They're encouraging people to stay out of harm's way by staying off city roads and sidewalks until the sanders have done their job. If travel is necessary, drivers are advised to use extreme caution and to follow other vehicles several car lengths behind to avoid collisions.

Residents are also advised to stay away from the Thames River, creeks and areas that channel water. Road flooding is also possible with changing weather conditions.

Stay alert.

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